

February 13, 1978

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LR 661.

CLERK: Mr. President, (Read title to LR 661). The bill was originally read on January 5, 1978. It was referred to the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. I have pending an amendment offered by Senator Clark to add the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the amendment. I move for the adoption of the amendment, the emergency clause.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Clear the board. The question is the adoption of the Committee amendments, the emergency clause. Record... What? Oh, just the Clark amendment. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I move for LR 661 to be advanced to E & R Initial. LR 661 gives the Oil and Gas Commission the authority to regulate the drilling and plugging of holes drilled for exploration of minerals. Currently the Oil and Gas Commission has the regulation of drilling for oil and gas but not for minerals. The reason for this bill brought to me by the Oil and Gas Commission was that we have oil companies coming in, drilling for oil and gas, but saying they are drilling for uranium or something else. They have absolutely no control over these holes. As any of you know that if these holes are not plugged, they are very very dangerous. Some child could fall into it or if that does not happen, they cave in from the bottom and you could drive a tractor into them later and they are a very dangerous hole. Many times you get salt water out of them too. This does not give them control over minerals, only the exploration of holes and I move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of LR 661. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, some material to read in. LR 163 and 164 are ready for your signature.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR 163, LR 164.

CLERK: Mr. President, a new bill.(Read Luedtke bill, LR 942 for the first time). Mr. President, the Committee on Education gives notice of Exec session for February 14 on adjournment in the East Chamber. Mr. President, Senator DeCamp asks